

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2008-80-C - ORDER NO. 2008-334

MAY 8, 2008

IN RE: Petition of Global Tel*Link Corporation for Alternative Regulation) ORDER GRANTING) MODIFIED) ALTERNATIVE) REGULATION
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This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on an Application for Alternative Regulation filed by Global Tel*Link Corporation ("Global" or the "Company"). Global requests that the Company's business services, consumer calling card, and operator services offerings tariffs not be required to state maximum rates (caps), and further, that such rates shall be presumed valid upon filing, with the understanding that the Commission has the right within seven (7) days to establish an investigation of the tariff filing. Further, Global requests that the Commission regulate its long distance service offerings in accordance with the principles and procedures established for alternative regulation in Commission Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C, and as modified by Commission Order No. 2001-997 in Docket No. 2000-407-C.

Pursuant to the instructions of the Commission's Docketing Department, the Company published a Notice of Filing, which described the relief sought, in newspapers of general circulation in the areas affected by the Application. The Company furnished

proof of publication, in accordance with the instructions of the Docketing Department. No petitions to intervene or protests were received. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) does not oppose the relief sought.

Accordingly, the Commission concludes that Global’s intrastate interexchange business telecommunications services shall be regulated in accordance with the principles and procedures established for alternative regulation of business service offerings set forth in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. The Commission previously granted this “alternative regulation” to competitive intrastate interexchange carriers operating within South Carolina, and the Commission concludes that the competitive marketplace requires the Commission to allow this flexible regulation to those carriers which request it. Specifically, the Commission-approved alternative regulation allows business service offerings, including consumer card services and operator services, to be subject to a relaxed regulatory scheme identical to that granted to AT&T Communications in Order Nos. 95-1734 and 96-55 in Docket No. 95-661-C. However, pursuant to Order No. 2001-997 (Docket No. 2000-407-C), this Commission has modified alternative regulation by the re-imposition of rate caps with regard to certain “operator-assisted calls” where a customer uses a local exchange carrier’s calling card to complete calls from locations which have not selected a local exchange carrier as the toll provider.

Order No. 2001-997, dated November 8, 2001, imposed a maximum cap of \$1.75 for operator surcharges for such calls, and a maximum cap of \$0.35 related to the flat per-minute rate associated with these calls. Under this relaxed regulatory scheme, tariff

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filings for business services shall be presumed valid upon filing. The Commission will have seven (7) days in which to institute an investigation of any tariff filing. If the Commission institutes an investigation of a particular tariff filing within the seven days, the tariff filing will then be suspended until further Order of the Commission.

Therefore, we grant the petition of Global Tel*Link Corporation for modified alternative regulation of the Company's business services, consistent with prior Commission Orders as cited above. Residential rates should be continued to be regulated in accordance with provisions set out in Order No. 84-622, as modified by Order No. 93-638.

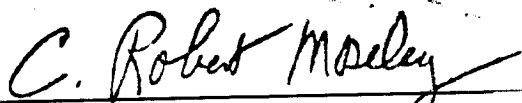
This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Chairman

ATTEST:



C. Robert Moseley, Vice Chairman

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